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REMARKS

The office action of October 18, 2004 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that, by this amendment all bases of rejection and objection are traversed and overcome. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-11, and 13-19 remain in the application. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 9-11, 13 and 16-19 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7, 21, 39, 41, 42, 46 and 48 of allowed application 10/200,794. Applicants note that the cited reference, application number 10/200,794, or United States Patent No. 6,824,555 B1, is commonly owned by the assignee of the present application and has at all times been so owned. Consequently, the rejection may be obviated by the submission of a Terminal Disclaimer which applicants have attached hereto.

The drawing is objected to under 37 CFR 1.84, as being not sufficiently clear and appears to be a photographic reproduction. A photograph of the drawing is submitted as per the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 2-8 and 14-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of Claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn with the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer, and the objection of Claims 2-8 and 14-15 be withdrawn, and an allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes it would expedite prosecution of the above identified application he is cordially invited to contact applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,



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